

Verizon New England Inc.

### 3. Virtual Collocation

#### 3.1 General

Unless otherwise specified herein, general regulations contained in Part A,(C) Sections 1 through 4 and Part E, Sections 1 and 2 apply in addition to the regulations contained in this section. Rates and charges for service explained(C) herein are contained in Part M, Section 5.3.

| 3.1.1 | Description   |
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| A.    | Virtual collocation is whereby the Telephone Company installs CLEC-provided equipment (which is dedicated exclusively to the CLEC) in a Telephone Company central office. Virtual collocation is provided by means of splicing the CLEC's fiber optic cable to a Telephone Company fiber at a splice point in the central office designated by the Telephone Company, or by means of other transport leased from the Telephone Company or from a third party. |
| 1.    | Virtual collocation is available at other Telephone Company facilities, where technically feasible, for interconnection or access to unbundled elements. Access to unbundled elements is accomplished using distributing frame appearances of the central office based equipment.   |
| a.    | The physical point of interface for connection to the virtual arrangement is referred to as manhole zero. The Telephone Company shall maintain the fiber from manhole zero, into the central office. The fiber facilities outside of and leading up to the Telephone Company central office's manhole zero is referred to as outside plant.   |
| 2.    | All services are connected to the output cables of the virtual arrangement using Telephone Company designated cable assignment (i.e., not channel assignments).   |
| B.    | Virtual collocation is provided subject to the availability of suitable central office space and facilities.  |
| C.    | Virtual collocation will be offered via a standard arrangement of OC3, OC12, OC48 and lite-span with connections to services/elements at DS1 and DS3 electrical connections at DSX bays. The appropriate number of each type of connection will be set at the time of the original order and installation.  |

| 3.1.2 | Implementation   |
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| A.    | The Telephone Company will work cooperatively with the CLEC in the implementation planning process and conduct joint planning meetings as may be reasonably required. Planning activities include, but are not limited to, the outlining of major milestones, determining schedules, setting dates for training and delivery of CLEC provided equipment, determining spare plug-in requirements, and reporting delays or identifying other issues. |